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EXPANSION OF PIPELINE NETWORK BY GAIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether GAIL has proposed expansion of its pipeline network and Gas Exploration by 2011 in two phases;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the revenue from gas trading have been targeted in both phases separately by GAIL?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Government has recently granted authorizations to GAIL for laying the following pipelines:

Dadri − Bawana - Nangal Pipeline
Chainsa - Gurgaon- Jhajjar- Hissar Pipeline
Jagdishpur − Haldia pipeline
Kochi − Kanjirkod - Mangalore / Bangalore Pipeline
Dabhol - Bangalore Pipeline.

These pipelines must be commissioned within 36 months from the date of the start of the project, i.e., the date of the publication in official gazette of notification under sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Petroleum & Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962 pertaining to land relating to the pipeline.

Further, Government of India has awarded 28 exploration blocks to the consortium of GAIL and other companies under six rounds of NELP held so far. Out of these, there have been 2 gas discoveries, namely, in CY-OS/2 and MN-OSN-2000/2 blocks.

(c): Revenue from gas trading on a long term basis would depend upon the actual volume of gas to be traded through the pipelines, as also price of natural gas prevailing from year to year.